

## WILSON MAY ORDER THREAT TO RETURN FIRE CARRIED OUT

Probably Will Wait Another  
Day Before Taking De-  
cisive Action.

## BOTH FACTIONS SEND REASSURING MESSAGES

Gutierrez and Carranza Warn  
Their Forces Against Shoot-  
ing Across Border.

## INSTRUCTIONS NOT RECEIVED

Washington Officials Are Unable to  
Understand Delay in De-  
livery at Naco.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—Al-  
though both Provisional President  
Gutierrez and General Carranza have  
assured the American government that  
their forces have been instructed to  
confine their fire to Mexican territory,  
nothing official had been received late  
to-day to indicate the receipt of such  
instructions at Naco, Sonora. Officials  
here are unable to understand the de-  
lay in delivery to the Naco commandery  
of the messages, copies of which have  
passed through American telegraph  
lines to Naco. Meanwhile, firing con-  
tinues.

The general belief to-night was that  
President Wilson would wait at least  
another day, perhaps discussing the  
subject with his cabinet to-morrow,  
and then, if the demands of the United  
States were not complied with, the  
threat to return with artillery any  
firing into American territory would be  
carried out. As yet, however, no fur-  
ther orders have been sent to Brigadier-  
General Tasker H. Bliss, in charge  
of the command at Naco, Ariz.

## ATTACH NO IMPORTANCE TO CARRANZA'S STATEMENT

Administration officials attach no im-  
portance to Carranza's statement that  
if the United States fired in Mexican  
territory it would be "an act of hos-  
tility." In view of the urgent tone of  
the message from Provisional Presi-  
dent Gutierrez to Carranza, however,  
officials believed the latter would re-  
move his troops and avoid complica-  
tions. Should one of the factions heed  
the warning of the United States, the  
other for defensive fire would be re-  
moved.

Secretary Bryan had received no fur-  
ther word to-night concerning the cir-  
cumstances of the reported killing of  
two Americans at Cananea. Reports  
thus far received said they were killed  
by irresponsible bandits.

Admiral Howard, commanding the  
American squadron on the Mexican  
coast, has learned that a Carranza  
force of 1,200 under General Turbe  
has taken La Paz, Lower California.

## SILLIMAN INSTRUCTED

Secretary Bryan to-day instructed  
Silliman to seek clemency for all  
prisoners arrested on political  
charges, and to ask for their safe con-  
duct out of the country.

The Canadian ambassador was in-  
formed by the State Department to-  
day that Julian Zorilla, the Spaniard  
at Tampico threatened with execution  
as a Villa supporter, had been released  
and returned to his country.

Two other Spaniards arrested  
on the same charge were executed.  
American Consul Simplich is seeking  
release of a British subject, H. Perry  
McKee, imprisoned at Nacaju, Sonora,  
by Maytorena officials, charged with  
transporting enemies of the state.

The Brazilian minister at Mexico  
City reported to-day that E. L. Jones,  
of Los Angeles, vice-president of Wells,  
Fargo & Co., in Mexico, and G. A.  
O'Brien, its manager in the City of  
Mexico, under detention there, have  
been released.

## COSTS MORE TO FEED ARMY

European War Causes Big Increase in  
Price of Rations.  
WASHINGTON, December 14.—Cost  
of rations has increased to such an  
extent on account of the European war  
that it will cost \$150,000 more to feed  
the army during the coming  
year than this year. Even the  
prices of horse food has increased  
that \$100,000 more must be paid next  
year for army forage.

## NO FEAR FOR SHIP'S SAFETY

French Line Officials Give Reassurances  
as to the Florida.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, December 14.—Officials  
of the French Line stated to-day that  
they felt no anxiety about the safety  
of their steamer Florida, which left  
Havre on November 22 and has not  
been heard of since.

## "ECONOMY" IS WATCHWORD

Legislative, Executive and Judicial Bill  
Calls for \$25,744,753.50.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—"Econ-  
omy" was the watchword of the Ap-  
propriations Committee in the prepara-  
tion of the legislative, executive and  
judicial appropriation bill, first of the  
big supply measures reported to-day  
to the House. The committee lopped  
off nearly \$2,000,000 from estimates sub-  
mitted by various departments, cutting  
salary allowances, and brought in a  
measure appropriating \$25,744,753.50.  
The bill provides for salaries of more  
than 4,000 government employees, and  
shows an increase of \$1,128,843 over  
last year's measure. But it includes  
a special appropriation of \$2,286,100  
and authorizes \$2,000 additional em-  
ployees for taking the agriculture  
census. The committee says this is an  
extraordinary expenditure, and main-  
tains, therefore, that this year's meas-  
ure is materially less than the last  
appropriation.

The bill contains the usual provision  
proposing to cut down the mileage al-  
lowance of Congressmen from 20 cents  
a mile to 5 cents a mile. The light  
to cut down the mileage allowance has  
been on for years, and, although the  
committee each year reports the reduc-  
tion in the bill, it is defeated either in  
the House or Senate.

The committee cut \$102,260 from es-  
timates of the Secretary of Commerce  
for the work of the Bureau of Foreign  
and Domestic Commerce, although an  
increase of \$25,000 over last year's  
appropriation was allowed for promot-  
ing commerce with Latin-America.

## NATIONAL BANKS REPORT

Cash in Vaults on October 31 Amounts  
to \$925,553,375.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—Cash  
in the vaults of the 7,577 national  
banks reporting their condition to the  
Comptroller of the Currency at the  
close of business on October 31 amount-  
ed to \$925,553,375, an increase over the  
amount for September 12 of \$21,816,-  
026. Individual deposits on the same  
date amounted to \$6,978,594,617, a de-  
crease of \$60,136,662. Resources and  
liabilities of the reporting banks were  
placed at \$1,192,452,722, with loans and  
discounts of \$531,647,470, a decrease  
since September 12 of \$84,258,915. The  
amount of clearing-house certificates  
outstanding as liabilities was given at  
\$49,911,000.

The total of reserves for the United  
States shows a percentage of 21.76,  
or \$3,065,915 above legal requirements,  
compared with \$30,356,263 below legal  
requirements September 12. In the cen-  
tral reserve cities of New York, Chi-  
cago and St. Louis the deficiency of  
reserves was reduced to \$2,050,641, com-  
pared with \$43,209,364 on September 12.

## FIGHT ON WATERWAYS BILL

Inaugurated in House for This Session  
by Representative Freaner.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The  
fight on the river and harbor legis-  
lation was begun for this session of  
Congress to-day, when Representative  
Freaner, of Wisconsin, attacked in the  
House proposed improvements in the  
Tennessee and Tennessee Rivers. He  
declared the proposal to improve the  
Mussel Shoals section of the Tennessee  
a "scandalous project," and  
suggested that under a scheme of improv-  
ing navigation, it was proposed to build  
the government to \$15,701,000 worth of  
work on the river for the benefit of  
the Alabama Light, Power and Water  
company, which he called the "Alabama  
Power Trust."

## NO RELIEF TO-DAY

Continued Cold Weather Expected to  
Prevail Through South.

ATLANTA, GA., December 14.—Win-  
ter's first decided attack on the South  
will not be relieved to any appreciable  
extent in any portion to-morrow, while  
the temperatures will remain in some  
sections, according to the government's  
forecast to-night.  
The temperature is expected to de-  
scend further, especially along the Atlantic  
Coast in North Carolina, South Caro-  
lina and Georgia, and continued cold  
could also be looked for in Virginia.  
In Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi,  
Louisiana and Eastern Texas the of-  
ficial forecast predicts a heavy rain, say-  
ing there will be "not much change  
in temperature."  
The temperature is expected to rise  
slowly in Arkansas and Tennessee.  
Generally fair weather is predicted.  
A biting cold wind is expected to-  
morrow, and a temperature of 15 degrees  
or lower was predicted for to-morrow.

## CONVICTS TO RAISE FUND

Will Be for Support of Families of Men  
Serving Terms.

CHICAGO, December 14.—Convicts in  
Jail here planned to put into operation  
to-day a plan to raise a fund for the  
support of families of the men serving  
terms.  
The 1,336 inmates agreed to spend  
their spare time at their craft, and  
turn their product over to an agent  
through whom sales will be made. All  
money received will go into a general  
fund for the support of the wives and  
children of the prisoners.

## BRISBANE IMPROVES

New York Editor Suffering With In-  
testinal Disorders.

ATLANTA, GA., December 14.—The  
condition of Arthur Brisbane, editor of  
the New York Evening Journal, who  
is ill at a local hotel, continued to  
show slight improvement to-night, ac-  
cording to his physicians. He is said  
to be suffering with intestinal dis-  
orders, a condition that has been the  
subject of much discussion. Mr. Brisbane  
became seriously ill here last Friday, shortly  
after his arrival from New York.

## FOR U. S. TO AVOID WAR

Means Will Be Discussed at "Peace In-  
surance Luncheon" To-Day.

NEW YORK, December 14.—More  
than 800 leading business men of New  
York have agreed to meet for a "peace  
insurance luncheon" to take place to-  
morrow night under the auspices of the  
Merchants' Association. The speakers,  
including Major-General Wood and  
Major-General Will, will discuss means  
of preventing the United States from en-  
gaging in war.

## EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN

Eight Others Injured and Apartment  
House Wrecked.

CLEVELAND, O., December 14.—A  
natural gas explosion in a two-story  
apartment house here occupied by for-  
eigners to-night killed seven persons,  
seriously injured eight and wrecked the  
building. Windows for a block around  
were broken, and persons in a drug  
store across the street were injured by  
broken glass.

## DANIELS REPORTS SUCCESSFUL TESTS OF ALASKA COAL

Expected to Meet Govern-  
ment's Demand for Fuel  
on Pacific Coast.

## TRIALS RECENTLY MADE BY CRUISER MARYLAND

Cabinet Officer Before House  
Committee Explains Needs  
of Navy.

## QUESTIONED ON MANY PHASES

Recommends Building of Dry Dock  
at Norfolk; for Congress  
to Decide.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—For-  
mal announcement of successful naval  
tests of coal from government-owned  
fields in Alaska was made to-day by  
Secretary Daniels before the Naval  
Committee of the House. Trials by  
the cruiser Maryland about ten days  
ago, Mr. Daniels said, had demon-  
strated that the Matanuska coal was  
as good as any to be found.

The results of this test were par-  
ticularly gratifying, Mr. Daniels said,  
because disappointing experiments  
with coal from the Bering fields a year  
ago had lessened hope that the rich  
deposits in Alaska ultimately would  
meet all of the government's demands  
for fuel on the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Daniels spent his fourth and  
last day before the committee explain-  
ing the needs of the navy in connec-  
tion with the preparations of the an-  
nual appropriation bill and answer-  
ing questions on every phase of the  
national defense problem.

He told of a proposal for building  
a \$500,000 project, with plans for a  
delphia or Indian Head, Maryland, ad-  
mitted that it was no secret in the  
navy that the supply of shells for the  
great guns of the battleships was in-  
adequate, and gave his views at  
length on the retired pay question.

## CAPTAIN WINTERHALTER ASKED ABOUT SUBMARINES

Captain Winterhalter, the secretary's  
aide, was questioned about submarines,  
and had quite an argument with Rep-  
resentative Hobson, of Alabama over  
war scares. Captain Winterhalter  
said he was unable to see the inter-  
national dangers ahead pictured by  
Mr. Hobson. Then the Congressman  
told the committee of a "scare" last  
year that put the American garden  
in the Philippines in a state of siege.  
"In May and for some months of last  
year," said Mr. Hobson, "our gunners  
at Corregidor Island stood at the  
water's edge, and the American garden  
was mined, troops from all over the islands  
were brought into Corregidor, and  
everything prepared for a siege, ex-  
cept there was no navy. I have taken  
any vision to see that."

Mr. Hobson did not go into the de-  
tails as to the cause of these prepara-  
tions, and Captain Winterhalter ap-  
parently was not inclined to discuss  
the subject.

Representative Gardner, of Massa-  
chusetts, continued his efforts during  
the day to get hearings on his pro-  
posed investigation of the navy. He ad-  
dressed letters to Representative Pad-  
gett, chairman of the Naval Committee  
and Representative Hay, chairman of  
the Military Committee, asking them  
to summon War and Navy Department  
officials, certain retired army and  
navy officers and former cabinet mem-  
bers. Mr. Padgett declined to summon  
prime officers or officials, saying that  
the committee preferred to hear the men  
now in charge of the government's  
work.

Secretary Roosevelt, of the Navy  
Department and Captain Stirling, com-  
manding the Atlantic submarine flotilla,  
will be before the House Naval  
Committee to-morrow.

## THREE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY SECRETARY

Three recommendations were made  
by Secretary Daniels at the afternoon  
session. They were:  
1. Appointment of all second lieuten-  
ants in the navy hereafter as "acting  
second lieutenants," so that those who  
do not measure up to requirements  
after appointment may be dropped.  
2. The navy system in retired pay of  
naval officers on the basis of length  
of naval service and the extent of  
their disabilities.  
3. Authority for using part of a \$40,000  
contingent fund to protect the navy's  
rights and property on its oil and  
reserves.

The secretary said the navy was  
trying to put its yards on a business  
basis with industrial managers, try-  
ing to get them to build ships, Norfolk  
and perhaps some other plants.  
"The Philadelphia Navy-Yard is in  
excellent shape," he added, "and hasn't  
as many evils, card systems and other  
evil words as they have in some of  
the other yards. We are going to put  
a construction officer in charge at the  
Norfolk yard."

Asked as to his policy regarding of-  
ficers, trained by the government but  
great expense, going out of the navy  
to accept private employment, Mr.  
Daniels replied that now and then it  
was better to allow resignations of  
some indifferent officers, but that it  
was harder for a first-class, valuable  
man to resign than "for a camel to go  
through a needle's eye."

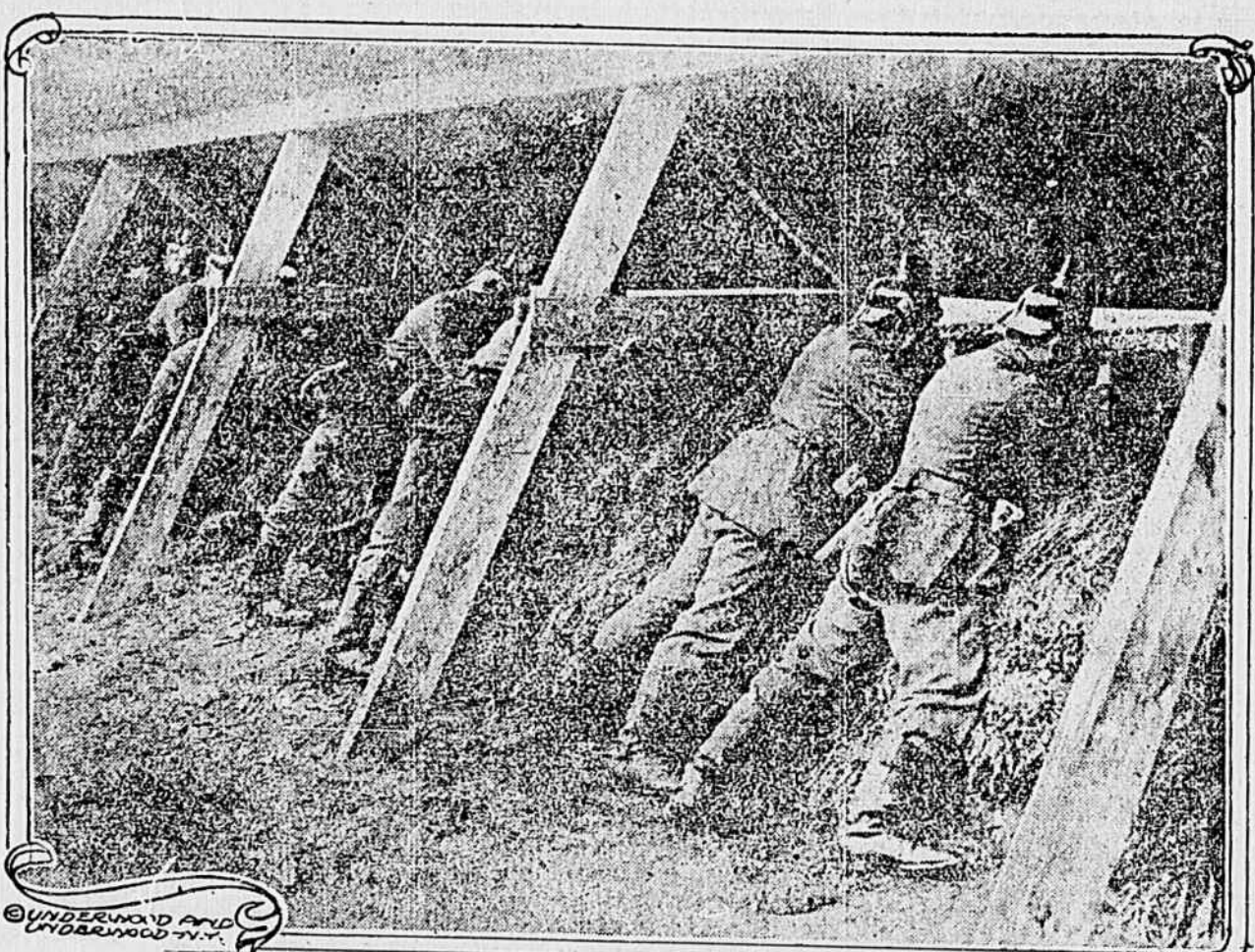
Declaring the navy had too many  
officers ashore, the secretary said, "We  
should abolish the office of captain of  
every yard. Every office we can spare  
should be abolished."

## CHIEF DOCKING NEEDED OF NAVY AT NORFOLK

Representative Lee, of Pennsylvania,  
brought up the proposed new naval  
yard dock, suggesting that in view of  
trouble with the site selected at Nor-  
folk, it would be better to build a dock  
at Philadelphia, "where the bottom is  
safe and sure."  
The reason I recommended the  
building of a dry dock at Norfolk,"  
replied Secretary Daniels, "is because  
that yard has more docking, more ar-  
rivals and departures than any other  
yard. I recommended the location at  
Norfolk, it is for congress to deter-  
mine what should be done. The chief  
docking need of the navy is at Nor-  
folk."

Secretary Daniels was asked if the  
general board of the navy agreed with  
him as to the location of the dock.  
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## SERVIANS RETAKE BELGRADE; AUSTRIANS ADMIT DEFEAT



German Sharpshooters Under Cover

It is almost impossible for the allies to dislodge these German sharpshooters, who are entrenched behind this  
splinter-proof sloping shed. The rain of bullets from the allies is deflected by the steep incline of the roof  
of the shed. The roof completely covers the trench. There is a narrow slit running its entire length, through  
which the sharpshooters fire from behind their straw breastworks. To send a shot through this opening from  
the ranks of the allies is almost impossible.

## GOETHALS ASKS AGAIN FOR TWO DESTROYERS

Reiterates Request for Means to Pre-  
vent Violation of Neutrality  
on Canal Zone.

## ACTION IS NOT YET TAKEN

Misuse of Wireless and Loading of  
Supplies by Belligerent Vessels Is  
Alleged—Departments at Wash-  
ington Now Investigating Matter.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—Colonel  
Goethals, Governor of the Panama  
Canal Zone, to-day reiterated his re-  
quest that two torpedo-boat destroyers  
be sent to Panama waters to prevent  
violation of neutrality through misuse  
of wireless and the loading of supplies  
by belligerent vessels.

Secretary Garrison issued this state-  
ment:  
"The substance of the dispatch is  
that in Colonel Goethals's judgment  
the misuse of radio communications  
in the canal zone, and the preven-  
tion of the misuse of these waters as a  
base of supplies require the presence  
of swift-moving ships of the variety  
mentioned. Since the questions in-  
volve the consideration of the  
State Department and the Navy De-  
partment, as well as my own, I have  
taken the matter up with the other  
departments; and as soon as the re-  
quirements are fully ascertained, proper  
action will be taken to meet them."

Governor Goethals's request was the  
subject of a conference to-day be-  
tween Secretary of War Garrison,  
Counselor Lansing, of the State De-  
partment, and Rear-Admiral Flske,  
chief of the navy's bureau of opera-  
tions. No decision was made, and it  
was indicated to-night that, because  
of the delicacy of questions involved  
and the scant information furnished  
by Colonel Goethals, it might be sev-  
eral days before any action was  
taken.

## OFFICIALS WILL GO DEEPLY INTO QUESTION

It is understood that administration  
officials will go deeply into the ques-  
tion of the powers and the government  
in controlling activities in waters ad-  
jacent to the Canal Zone before any  
step is taken.

Regarding the alleged use of radio  
outfits by British colliers within the  
canal waters, officials are trying to  
ascertain the extent to which this has  
been done. It is suggested that a  
warning will be sufficient to stop al-  
leged offenses without invoking a dis-  
play of force. If such a display should  
be necessary, however, it will be in-  
cumbent upon the navy, as by a pro-  
clamation on August 5, the Navy De-  
partment was placed in exclusive con-  
trol of the radio service in the Canal  
Zone.

The destroyers Lanson, Worden, Ter-  
ry, Perkins and Walke are in reserve  
at Charleston, S. C., and one or more  
could be dispatched to canal waters  
almost instantly.

## WOMEN TELL HIM THEIR AGE

New York Pays Comfortable Salary to  
Its "Secret Keeper."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, December 14.—The  
State of New York pays a comfortable  
salary to a "secret keeper." He isn't  
down on the payroll by this designation,  
being carried there simply as  
"George L. Wallace, accountant." He  
described himself to-day, however, be-  
fore the State Civil Service Board.  
"I am a sort of confidential account-  
ant," he said.  
"What does that mean?" asked Frank  
Moss, counsel to the board.  
"Well," replied Wallace, "it relates  
principally to the ages of the ladies.  
You see, all the lady employees in the  
civil service department have to make  
out cards showing how old they are.  
They don't like to do it, but they don't  
have to show the cards to anybody but  
me, and I never tell."

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.  
Reduced rates via Chesapeake and Ohio  
Railway. Tickets on sale December 15 to 25.  
December 31 and January 1. Good until  
January 6.

## TURKISH BATTLESHIP IS DESTROYED BY SUBMARINE

British Boat B-11 Dives Under Five  
Rows of Mines and Torpedoes  
Big War Vessel.

## THEN ESCAPES IN SAFETY

Submerged on One Occasion for Nine  
Hours, and, Although Pursued by  
Gunfire and Torpedo Boats, Gets  
Away—Lost Ship's Crew 600 Men.

LONDON, December 14.—A commu-  
nication issued by the official bureau to-  
day announced the Turkish battleship  
Messudieh had been torpedoed by a  
British submarine.

The official bureau's statement is as  
follows:  
"Yesterday submarine B-11, in charge  
of Lieutenant-Commander Norman B.  
Holbrook, of the royal navy, entered  
the Dardanelles, and, in spite of the  
difficult current, dived under five rows  
of mines and torpedoed the Turkish  
battleship, which was guarding the  
mine fields. Although pursued by gun-  
fire and torpedo boats, the B-11 re-  
turned safely after being submerged on  
one occasion for nine hours.

Lieutenant-Commander Holbrook, of  
the submarine B-11, is one of five  
others, all serving with the colors,  
sons of Colonel Arthur Holbrook,  
a newspaper owner of Portsmouth.

The Messudieh was a very old boat,  
having been built at Blackwall, Eng-  
land, in 1874, and reconstructed at  
Genoa in 1903. She was 332 feet long,  
fifty-nine feet beam, and of about  
10,000 tons burden. She had a speed  
of seventeen and one-half knots, and  
her battery consisted of two 9.2-inch  
guns in turrets and twelve six-inch  
guns in battery. In the war with  
Greece in 1912 the Messudieh was re-  
portedly badly damaged in a naval bat-  
tle in the Dardanelles. She carried a  
crew of 600 men.

## UNITED STATES CRITICIZED

London Paper Declares This Nation  
Disqualified as Peace Arbitrator.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LONDON, December 14.—The Even-  
ing Globe, in an editorial on the pro-  
posal that the United States should  
act as peace arbitrator says:  
"Let us say frankly that the United  
States have already disqualified them-  
selves for the assumption of judicial  
functions. They have seen every  
Hague convention to which American  
statesmen set their hands, violated,  
clause by clause by Germany, and they  
have not even been protesting, much  
less endeavored to enforce the law  
by any active steps. We do not blame  
them; they are the judges of their own  
conscience, and believe they have set  
their interests in front of all other  
considerations."

## FOR STUDENTS TO DECIDE

Question of Starting Military Course  
at Princeton Left to Undergraduates.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
PRINCETON, N. J., December 14.—  
The faculty of the university has de-  
cided to defer for a week the final es-  
tablishment of a course in military  
instruction for the undergraduates. Dr.  
Raycroft, who is chairman of the com-  
mittee, announced that this delay was  
thought wise, in order that the stu-  
dents might be given the opportunity  
to express by ballot their approval or  
disapproval of the plan.  
The proposition was brought before  
the faculty by petition signed by a  
number of undergraduates. Dr. Ray-  
croft declares the students should be  
allowed to decide for themselves what  
their attitude will be on so significant  
a question as national military pre-  
paredness. Debate about the campus  
is heated, and seems evenly divided.

## ABANDONS THIRD EFFORT TO INVADE SMALL NEIGHBOR

Government Announces Ex-  
tended Retirement and  
Heavy Losses.

## WINNING FORCES PRESS HOME THEIR VICTORY

Poland Fast Becoming Another  
Belgium in Point of  
Suffering.

## MORE THAN 500 TOWNS RUINED

French Report Gains in Neighbor-  
hood of Verdun and St.  
Mihiel.

## French Report Progress Along the Ypres Canal

PROGRESS along the Ypres Canal  
is noted in the latest French  
official war bulletin, although citi-  
ly are awaiting all before an exten-  
sive movements by the opposing  
forces on the battle front in Belgium  
and France. The Germans have re-  
plied to the attacks of the allies,  
and violent fighting is reported dur-  
ing the past twenty-four hours.

An interesting feature of the  
French official communication is the  
statement that the railway station at  
Commercy, in the Department of  
Meuse, has been bombarded by the  
German batteries from a great dis-  
tance. Commercy is seven miles  
south of St. Mihiel.

A Hunter dispatch from Nish says  
the Serbians, after a fierce battle,  
have recaptured Belgrade. The Ser-  
bian capital was taken by the Aus-  
trians on December 2, after a siege  
of several months. If this report  
proves true, the Serbians appar-  
ently are awaiting all before an exten-  
sive movements by the opposing  
forces on the battle front in Belgium  
and France. The Germans have re-  
plied to the attacks of the allies,  
and violent fighting is reported dur-  
ing the past twenty-four hours.

On the other hand, Vienna an-  
nounces gaining considerable ground  
in a northerly direction in Western  
Galicia, where the Austrians have  
retaken the town of Dukla.

The Argentine Minister of Marine  
has been informed that two British  
warships have entered the Strait of  
Magellan in pursuit of the German  
cruiser Dresden, which is reported  
to have arrived at Punta Arenas.  
While a Buenos Aires dispatch says  
the Dresden is not damaged, a  
Santiago dispatch reports the  
cruiser, and adds that she will  
repair there.

A Berlin wireless dispatch says  
the Austrian newspaper declared  
that when peace negotiations begin  
the United States will have a right  
to act as intermediary.

Earl Kitchener, British Secretary  
for War, has ordered an investiga-  
tion into a charge by the English  
National Council of Trained Nurses  
that incompetent nurses are serv-  
ing at the front and in hospitals.

LONDON, December 14 (11:10 P. M.).  
The morning striking feature of the  
day's official news is the candid ad-  
mission by the Austrian government of  
the defeat of the Austrian army in Serbia,  
and, apparently, the abandonment of its  
third attempt to invade its small Slav  
neighbor.

While attributing the failure to the  
enemy's superior force, as all govern-  
ment bulletins explain failures, the  
Austrian War Office announces plainly  
its extended retirement and heavy  
losses.

"New decisions and measures conse-  
quently will be taken to repel the  
enemy," says the Austrian statement.  
Apparently that means that the Aus-  
trians are directed against Serbia  
will assume the offensive line.

The Serbians claim to be pressing  
home their victory with more cap-  
tures of prisoners, and to have driven  
part of the invading army across the  
Drina River. Moreover, they are re-  
ported to have retaken the capital, and  
say they expect to expel the invaders  
from Serbian territory.

## NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO DRIVE RUSSIANS OUT

The progress of the war in Northern  
Hungary is less definite. Sunday's  
German wireless report, with candor  
equal to that of the Austrian bulletin,  
spoke of the "severe resistance" which  
the German and Austrian armies are  
encountering in South Poland and Ga-  
licia, adding that it was evident that  
the Austrian forces in the Carpathians  
are not strong enough to clear the  
Russians out of Hungarian territory.  
It also admitted that they are driving  
down the northern slopes of the Car-  
pathians the Russian invaders who  
were last week in occupation of sev-  
eral towns south of that mountain  
range.

Poland is fast becoming another Bel-  
gium in point of suffering, while the  
opposing armies drive each other back  
and forth, occupy and recapture cities  
and villages, and inflict upon the in-  
habitants bombardments similar to  
those suffered in Belgium and North-  
ern France.

More than 500 Polish towns have  
been ruined, according to various ac-  
counts.  
Each army accuses the other of loot-  
ing and cruelty. The flight of the  
civilians from Lodz was one of the  
most tragic episodes of the war, while  
one correspondent pictures the fate of  
Kalisz as a repetition of Louvain, with  
the slaughter of 400 civilians and the  
sacking of the city.

A distressing feature of the fighting  
in Poland lies in the fact that blood-